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BOOKKEEPER CHARGED WITH THEFT, FORGERY AND TAX CHARGES

(Wilmington, DE) – Director of Revenue Patrick T. Carter announced today that a Millsboro woman was charged with theft greater than \$100,000, Forgery 1st degree, falsifying business records, and filing a false tax return, after she embezzled more than \$100,000 from a Sussex County business.

The charges allege that Virginia L. Bradshaw, 49, while a bookkeeper at Ocean RV Center, misappropriated more than \$100,000 from her employer over a five-year period beginning in 2005, and failed to report this income on a state income tax return. While employed as the bookkeeper, Bradshaw wrote checks for cash and used the funds for her personal benefit. In addition, she wrote checks to herself and deposited the proceeds into her personal account, and also created multiple paychecks for herself during the same work period.

The investigation was initiated after the company was contacted by a representative of the IRS regarding unpaid employee payroll taxes.

Investigators say that Bradshaw was responsible for maintaining the company's books and records and, in the course of her duties, fraudulently created two business accounts – one with actual business transactions and the other with fraudulent transactions - in order to conceal her diversion of funds.

As a result of her actions, Bradshaw avoided paying more than \$5,000 in state income taxes.

Following her arrest on the charges listed above, Bradshaw was released on an \$18,000 unsecured bond.

This case stems from an investigation conducted by the Delaware State Police and the Delaware Division of Revenue's Criminal Investigation Unit, and referred to the Delaware Attorney General's Office for prosecution.

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